



Splashy opening

Kids frolicked in the wet and wild fun of Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pier 6 play area, which opened on Saturday at the foot of Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn Heights. See story on page 11.

MTA: CHIPS AH-OY!

Agency has spent millions underground, but lets paint at Jay Street station entrances peel away

By Gary Buiso
The Brooklyn Paper

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority is spending \$110 million to rehabilitate the bustling Jay Street subway station, but it is content to treat the hub's entryway as an ugly stepchild.

The transit agency said this week that it will not repair the peeling ceilings on either exit on the west side of Jay Street between Willoughby Street and Myrtle Avenue, leaving a moonscape of potentially toxic paint chips raining down.

Transit spokeswoman Deirdre Parker insisted that the areas in question are safe, noting that the ceiling was re-painted in the 1990s with a non-lead-based paint.

But even so, the agency regards the situation as dangerous: Above-ground station cleaners are instructed to sweep the courtyard area with wet cloths and a HEPA vacuum — which contain specialized filters to trap dangerous lead particles, which can cause serious health problems.

"It's just a precaution in case there are previous coats of lead-



Paint is peeling at the Jay Street-Boro Hall subway station — and no one is doing anything about it.

based paint underneath," explained Parker. The agency has not provided straphangers with masks or HEPA filters.

The ceiling work is not included in the current rehab plan, which will be completed by August 2011. Transit officials said that intra-agency discussions are underway to try to secure funding for the paint job — but could not provide a cost estimate or a time frame for the work, vexing area business leaders.

"If this was Midtown Manhattan, I'm not sure we'd be having this conversation," said one business leader.

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Get used to this sight because the Douglass-Degraw pool, a mainstay for Gowanus area residents, will be closed all summer.

Double D-saster

City closes Gowanus pool for the summer

By Gary Buiso
The Brooklyn Paper

The Douglass-Degraw pool, a cool respite for inner-city kids in Gowanus, will not be open this summer, the city quietly announced this

week, citing budget cuts.

The pool, along Nevins Street between Douglass and Degraw streets, is the lone

Brooklyn watering hole out of four citywide that will be shuttered, a cost-cutting move the city says will save \$200,000.

"It was a difficult decision but the

See **POOL** on page 5

Domino moves forward

City Planning Commission is sweet on big redevelopment project

By Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

The \$1.2-billion redevelopment of the defunct Domino Sugar refinery — which could add 6,000 new residents to the increasingly saturated Williamsburg waterfront — passed another hurdle on Monday with the unanimous approval of the City Planning Commission.

The 13 commission members praised the plan for its higher-than-mandated levels of affordable housing, and commitment to preserving historic structures on the site of the refinery, which agreed to

closed in 2004.

The plan also calls for four acres of publicly accessible open space at a waterfront site that has been fenced off for decades.

"This project will bring high-quality design and architecture, decent ample open space and much-needed housing to the Williamsburg community," said City Planning Chairwoman Amanda Burden. "I am pleased to vote yes."

The panel requested only minor concessions from the developer, Community Preservation Corporation Resources, which agreed to



The Domino plan moved ahead with a unanimous City Planning Commission vote on Wednesday.

eliminate several hundred parking spaces and shorten three tall towers to eliminate some shadows on Grand Ferry Park at the northern end of the sprawling site.

After the vote, Susan Pollock, vice president of the development company, celebrated the commission's decision, while accepting the tweaks.

The vote, which came six months after Community Preservation Corporation Resources introduced its plan to the city, was hardly as contentious as previous rezoning battles in Williamsburg.

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BY THE NUMBERS

Now that the Domino Refinery redevelopment plan has been approved by the City Planning Commission, let's take a look at its latest iteration before it gets debated by City Council later this month:

- Area of the waterfront rezoning: 11.2 acres
- Number of units: 2,200 to 2,400
- Number of below-market rate units: 660
- Tallest buildings: Two at 40 stories
- New public open space created: 4 acres
- Retail space: 128,000 square feet
- Commercial space: 98,000 square feet
- Community facility space: 147,000 square feet
- Estimated permanent jobs: 1,000
- Number of parking spaces: 1,428



Catch World Cup fever

Silvana Lima, a waitress at Miss Favela's, shows off her Brazilian pride. For lots more parties where you can cheer on your World Cup favorites, see **GO Brooklyn** on page 7.

BAD WEEK FOR BIKES

Eighteen cycles swiped from Prospect Heights shop

By Thomas Tracy
The Brooklyn Paper

Eighteen bike owners were facing life in the slow lane on Monday after their beloved wheels were swiped while being rebuffed in a Prospect Heights bike shop.

The bikes — along with over \$4,000 in brand new locks, saddles and pedals — were taken during two daring basement break-ins at Brooklyn Bike and Board on Vanderbilt Avenue between Dean and Bergen Streets.

The stolen two wheelers ranged from a 10-year-old Schwinn getting a tune-up for the summer to two pricey 2010 models, assistant manager Ryan Dausch explained.

"[The customers] were shocked, but were very understanding except for one guy who called the police on us," Dausch said.



Andrew Gerhan (right) and Alfred Womack show off empty space where bike gear was stolen.

Since most of the stolen wheels were older bikes undergoing repairs, owners will be reimbursed with bikes that have been rebuilt at the store, Dausch explained.

The disappearance was a bit of a mystery, though it should not have been, given that the basement door isn't accessible from the shop, but only from the hallway leading to the upstairs apartment.



The ones with newer models will be offered something comparable.

Workers said the break-in happened after closing on June 4. But they did get an early warning, albeit a small one when, one week earlier, a single bike disappeared from the basement, Dausch said.

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See **BIKES** on page 6

Live from Brooklyn, Washington

By Andy Campbell
The Brooklyn Paper

BROOKLYN, WASH. — The secret location of Brooklyn's undisputed greatest bar of all time has been revealed: a left past the cow pasture in Oakville, drive about 10 miles up an

old gravel logging road and stop when you see pickup trucks and flannel.

Brooklyn Tavern doesn't cater to many hipsters, but it is indeed the best watering hole in its now-unincorporated logging town: Brooklyn, Washington



avoid socialite in this secluded town of

less than 200 people.

Last week, we embarked on a journey across the country to find out how with such an awesome and established array of dives in our own Borough of Kings — this quaint, out-of-the-way tavern thinks it has the guts to bear its legendary name.



Built in 1927, Brooklyn Tavern is the only business left.

What we found was a packed house on a Saturday night, complete with loggers and gun racks, a salmon barbecue cut back, and even a creek running through the bar that used to serve as a spittoon during the town's heyday in the 1920s.

But since it's a good 18 miles to the next bar — or sign of city life, for that matter — it seemed unlikely that this bar would pull travelers every week from as far away as Centralia (think

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POLITICAL SPECIAL

Our official field guide to defeating incumbents

Voters have rarely been so disgusted by their elected officials in Albany. Decades of political infighting, a dysfunctional legislative structure, and once-in-five-blue-moons defeats of incumbents has created a feeling

among many voters that there is no way to reform Albany without voting out every single incumbent. Our crop of lawmakers certainly don't always do a good job making a case for re-election, so now that the petitioning period

— when would-be challengers gather signatures to get on the ballot — is underway, we felt it would be helpful to offer this handy field guide with tips for how insurgents can sent this lot packing. Happy hunting.

Assemblyman Jim Brennan
Represents: Park Slope, Windsor Terrace, Kensington
Years in office: 26
Campaign war chest:

\$58,941
How to beat him: Jim Brennan is slowly becoming a toothless tiger here and up in Albany. If his electoral base is so strong, then why has he lost his own campaign \$10,000? For that matter, why has someone who has been in office as long as he has only ascended to head the Committee on Cities? And whatever happened to Brennan's "bold" piece of legislation that would shrink the size of the Atlantic Yards project? Or his plans to be the city's snuff controller? We must have missed his name on last year's ballot.

Assemblywoman Janelle Hyer-Spencer
Represents: Bay Ridge
Years in office: 4
Campaign war chest: \$6,940

How to beat her: She's not bringing any money to the district. Why has she gotten just \$169,000 in member items for Bay Ridge schools, non-profits and veterans groups last year when other borough assemblymembers — some who've been there just as long — bring in \$3 million to their districts?

Assemblyman Hakeem Jeffries
Represents: Fort Greene, Crown Heights
Years in office: 3
Campaign war chest: \$38,141

How to beat him: Jeffries was the loudest voice fighting Mayor Bloomberg's bid to overturn term limits. How did that turn out?

Assemblyman Joseph Lentol
Represents: Williamsburg
Years in office: 38

Campaign war chest: \$256,094
How to beat him: If there's such a thing as Albany's "dysfunctional culture," meet the guy who helped create it. As Brooklyn's longest-serving legislator, Lentol has planted some of the seeds that led to the stink weeds choking the state's ability to pass a budget or get anything else done. What's worse, he's part of a political dynasty — his father and grandfather were both in the state legislature before him. His Greenpoint district isn't a democracy; it's a monarchy!

Assemblyman Vito Lopez
Represents: Williamsburg, Bushwick
Years in office: 26
Campaign war chest: Just over \$1 million

How to beat him: Bring up his acerbic attitude toward basically everybody and his famed "his way or the highway" posture as chairman of the Kings County Democratic Party. But there's more: This self-proclaimed affordable housing advocate is getting out of campaign cash from real-estate firms and developers with interest in his district, according to his last campaign filing. He also likes to shower thousands of dollars in member items to the Ridgewood-Bushwick Senior Citizens Council, which he founded and is currently run by his girlfriend. Keep it in the family!

Assemblywoman Joan Millman
Represents: Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn Heights
Years in office: 13
Campaign war chest: \$138,000

How to beat her: Flip-flop! Millman supported putting condos in Brooklyn Bridge Park, but flipped once state Sen. Marty Connor was defeated by Daniel Squadron. She also endorsed gay marriage but then endorsed John Heyer for Council, knowing that he was against gay marriage. She's also against motorists, who will have to shell out more to renew their license plates and get slapped with a \$150 ticket if they park in a bike lane — if two of her pending bills are approved.

State Sen. Eric Adams
Represents: Fort Greene, Flatbush
Years in office: 4
Campaign war chest: \$170,760

How to beat him: With all the sad songs being played in Albany, Adams seems to have only one little thing to his credit: "Pants on the ground! Pants on the ground! Lookin' like a fool with your pants on the ground!" His big "pull up your pants" initiative made him look, well, less than statesmanlike.

State Sen. Martin Dulan
Represents: Williamsburg, Greenpoint, Bushwick
Years in office: 8
Campaign war chest: \$151,902

How to beat him: Remind him that Dulan was one of the five handpicked "district leaders at large" that boss Vito Lopez created to boost his power as chairman of the county Democratic Party. Then point out that Dulan gave \$155,000 in member items to the Ridgewood-Bushwick Senior Center this year — an organization Lopez created and is run by his girlfriend.

State Sen. Marty Golden
Represents: Bay Ridge, Marine Park, Gerritsen Beach
Years in office: 8
Campaign war chest: \$310,980

How to beat him: The Republicans no longer run the Senate, so he's not the cash cow for the district that he used to be. In 2008, he brought in \$2.8 million in member items. Last year, he brought in \$250,000. Let's also not forget that he struck down a senior citizen with his car a few years ago, tried to rip down all the advertisements for the Showtime series "The L Word," and that his status as a former cop may have held some sway over the investigation into a bar brawl that his nephew was involved in a few weeks ago.

State Sen. Velmante Montgomery
Represents: Red Hook, Boerum Hill, Fort Greene
Years in office: 26
Campaign war chest: \$74,787

How to beat her: She's done a lot of work in protecting at-risk youth and revamping the state's juvenile justice system. But her district is a collection of neighborhoods with a host of different needs. Ask the residents of Red Hook, Sunset Park and Fort Greene if, after 25 years in Albany, Montgomery has really made a difference. You'll get your answer — if the person even knows who Montgomery is.

State Sen. Daniel Squadron
Represents: Brooklyn Heights, Williamsburg
Years in office: 2
Campaign war chest: \$229,861

How to beat him: Two years ago, Squadron ran as a reformer, claiming that he wanted to change Albany. But things haven't changed at all, so to run against Squadron, hammer home the point that Albany has assimilated him like a Borg. In this very issue, in fact, he makes an argument for keeping state incumbents! Talk about resistance being futile!

PLAN

Continued from page 1
burg, such as the Broadway Triangle and Rose Plaza on the River.

But many local groups and politicians still object to the project, which will bring an estimated 2,400 new units to the Williamsburg waterfront in eight residential towers. Assemblymen Josh Lentol (D-Greenpoint) and Vito Lopez (D-Williamsburg) and Councilman Steve Levin (D-Williamsburg) questioned the proposal's density and its effect on crowding on the L and J trains, and on Kent and Wythe avenues.

"The applicant has not adequately addressed the transportation and congestion problems associated with the project," Levin reiterated after the vote. "The height and density of the Domino plan will have a negative impact on the community."

Earlier this year, Community Board 1 rejected the developer's original proposal by a nearly 2-1 margin, with Land Use Committee Chairman Ward Dennis characterizing it as "simply too big."

Despite the unanimous Planning Commission vote on Monday, panel member Angela Battaglia echoed many of these concerns, saying that she has often "waited for three to four packed trains before getting on another packed train."

But she nevertheless voted for the project because she was "absolutely thrilled" with the inclusion of 660 below-market rate units.

The project now moves to the City Council, where Levin may have an advantage, given that councilmembers tend to defer to the member in whose district a rezoning occurs. Levin has said he wants to chop 800 more units from the project.

But the planning commission clearly believed that Domino's developers achieved the balance between affordable housing and density, which Commission member Irwin Cantor jokingly compared to the "Low and Main" rezoning. "Affordability and density: you can't have one without the other," said Cantor, once DIRECTV and the City Council have said no.

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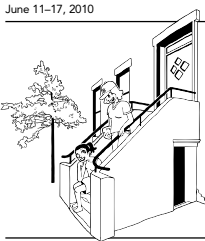
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NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT

BAY RIDGE



Ralph Peretto could serve a year in jail.

Legal trouble for Peretto

Politician facing jail for impersonating a lawyer

By Andy Campbell
The Brooklyn Paper

Longtime Bay Ridge political insider Ralph Peretto is facing a year in jail for allegedly posing as a lawyer to represent a friend.

Peretto, who is in the fight of his life to be re-elected to the post of neighborhood district leader that he's held for 18 years, is now awaiting his own criminal trial for representing Anthony Martire in a 2008 harassment case, according to court documents.

Court papers say that Peretto not only spoke on behalf of Martire, but submitted documents for him, and waived Martire's rights to a formal reading of the charges against him at his Aug. 21 court hearing.

Peretto is crying foul, telling us that the charge is "preposterous."

Peretto apparently got caught when he turned in paperwork to the court bearing the name of his Bay Ridge business, Gray Fox Investigations, and someone recognized his name.

"When he appeared in court, a Brooklyn district attorney recognized him as not an attorney," said William Smith, spokesman for Staten Island District Attorney Daniel Donovan, who has been given the prosecution because of Peretto's status as a district leader in Brooklyn.

In New York State, it is legal to represent yourself in a court case, but it's a no-no to claim that you've passed the bar when you haven't.

Peretto faces a maximum sentence of a year in jail. His pre-trial hearing is set for July 26.

Though he is not a lawyer, Peretto has apparently watched enough people play one on TV. According to the court transcript of the 2008 hearing, he sounded pretty good.

"I'll say, Your Honor, with the Court's permission, may I submit two notarized affidavits from eyewitnesses that speak to the contrary of what did happen?" Peretto said.

Peretto is running against Kevin Peter Carroll for the district leader position. Carroll declined to comment.

BROOKLYN BRIDGE

Biden touts bridge facelift — but from Manhattan!

By Shavanna Abruzzo
The Brooklyn Paper

We're not chopped liver here in Brooklyn, Mr. Vice!

Vice President Joe Biden kept his smile glued, his greeting hand outstretched and his pol's banter tweaked to highbush when he visited the Brooklyn Bridge — on the Manhattan side.

Last Wednesday to crow about the venerable viaduct's mega-million-dollar facelift, part of which is being poomed up by the feds as part of the "stimulus" package.

Borough President Markowitz and Mayor Bloomberg led the welcome committee for Biden, who gushed with contractors in hard hats over the \$508-million renovation project, which will take four years to complete — a traffic nightmare, ya think?

With the city picking up approximately \$300 million of the tab.

As a "thank you," Biden received a replica of the striking structure, which cost \$15 million but before it opened on May 24, 1883. Even today, dollars, the cost of initial construction is well below the cost of the current repairs!

The infrastructure injection will result in the construction of wider entrance ramps on both the Manhattan and Brooklyn side of the 1.1-mile-long suspension bridge — one of New York City's most traveled arteries. The bridge will also be repainted for the first time since 1991.

The renovations, said Bloomberg, are the first major work in a decade on the bridge, which features a pair of neo-Gothic towers and elegant steel cables.

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GOWANUS

The end of the 'Yard'

Cool Gowanus pop-up party space is done

By Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

Last Friday was the day the parties died.

After a dispute with its landlord, the Brooklyn Yard announced that it is shutting down for the summer, scattering its Sunday dance parties, food fairs, and flea markets from the Gowanus Canal site.

Fresh off its wildly successful SCORE! Pop-up Swap clothing exchange, MeanRed Productions, announced on Friday that it would be leaving its one-half-acre Carroll Street space and canceling its schedule at the Yard for the rest of the summer.

On May 1, MeanRed's landlord, David Lefkowitz, told MeanRed President Jen Lyon that he would no longer honor the company's lease on the site and did not give the company an opportunity to renegotiate the terms. In response, MeanRed canceled all of its confirmed events for the remainder of the season, and is now scrambling to find alternative spaces for its events.

"We are sad to see our passion project go in its brightest year, and are sad to let down all the people who have supported and worked with us for the past three summers," said the e-mail. "But if there is one thing we pride ourselves in, it's our ability to think outside the box, to take a leap when there is no net, and to reach our highest visions."

Lefkowitz, a real estate investor who has developed property in the Gowanus since 1998, characterized the situation as "very complicated" and did not comment regarding future development of the space.

"I've been down there a decade, and I've done a lot to reuse the land and will continue to do that," said Lefkowitz.

The half-acre lot is adjacent to the Gowanus Canal, which was recently declared a Federal Superfund site in March, clearing the way for a decade-long clean up process.

Lefkowitz was all set to sell the lot to the Toll Brothers development company, which hoped to build a 447-unit project — but that was all undone by the Superfund designation. A spokesman for Toll Brothers has said that nothing has changed.

Meanwhile, Lyon and other MeanRed employees put a brave face on the devastating news, saying that the Yard's "renegade spirit and love for pop-up spaces will come alive again this summer — very possibly even better than we had planned before."

Shine on, you crazy diamond.

BOERUM HILL

Seven more Johns flushed

Corner remains 'Losing Proposition' for men

By Gersh Kuntzman
The Brooklyn Paper

Seven more men — including one who assaulted a police officer — were busted on June 5 at a shady Boerum Hill corner for trying to get a little action from a woman who turned out to be an undercover cop.

Police from the 76th Precinct have now nabbed 20 men in "Operation Losing Proposition," their monthly sting at the slimy corner of Butler and Nevins streets — and in all cases, the barhounds allegedly solicited sex of one form or another.

All seven of the arrests went down the same way: A car rolled up to the corner and the driver threw out a price, ensuring his arrest for solicitation, a misdemeanor.

But the details are slightly different in each case:

• At 1 am, a man offered \$15 for sex. When officers moved in, he refused to be cuffed and fought back, lightly injuring one of the cops.

• At 1:05 am, another man rolled up and offered \$15 for oral sex.

• At 1:20 am, a man offered \$28 for intercourse. When a cop attempted to move in, the driver sped off at high speed, but eventually pulled over a block away.

• At 2:05 am, a man offered \$20 for vaginal intercourse.

• By 2:32 am, the asking price for the same form of gratification was \$30.

• Two men rolled up at 2:48 am, and each offered \$10 for oral sex.

In all cases, the men are charged with soliciting prostitution because the exchange never gets beyond the haggling stage. Five officers — Cairry Rivera, Keith Douza, Ronald Pereira, Michael Ponzio and Rosemary Gomez — were credited for a very busy night's work.

"We're going to open a heavy metal wine bar with fires in the back and no sound dampening," said Crif Dogs' Brian Shapiro. (Before you call 311, folks, he's kidding!)

The East Village icon has long been a popular late-night stop between parties for throngs of New York University college students, and it should fit right in on the N. Seventh corridor.

Calorex owners Jesse Vendley and Peter Oleyer have had their eye on opening a restaurant in Greenpoint, less than a year removed from opening their first Brooklyn outpost of their popular Mexican truck food joint on Union Street in the Columbia Street Waterfront District.

Vendley and Oleyer moved quickly after learning that the owner of La Brique, a Manhattan Avenue Spanish restaurant, wanted to close. Community Board 1 voted last Thursday to recommend the transfer of the liquor license to the location's new operators.

"We're going to expand the menu, but all of the items on our current menu will be there," said Oleyer.

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Calexico and Crif Dogs on their way

By Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

Two of Manhattan's highest-minded low-end food purveyors will soon be selling upscale tacos and hot dogs in Williamsburg.

By the end of the summer, Crif Dogs, known for its deep fried beef and pork hot dogs wrapped in bacon, will christen a storefront on Driggs Avenue near N. Seventh Street, while the owners of Soho-based Calexico are looking to open another second Brooklyn branch on Manhattan Avenue near Bedford Avenue.

Calexico owners Jesse Vendley and Peter Oleyer have had their eye on opening a restaurant in Greenpoint, less than a year removed from opening their first Brooklyn outpost of their popular Mexican truck food joint on Union Street in the Columbia Street Waterfront District.

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Man brutalizes daughter

94TH PRECINCT

Greenpoint-Williamsburg
A man was arrested for beating his 13-year-old daughter with a metal dog leash on June 2.

Details leading up to the horrendous attack are sketchy, but the brave girl called police two days later, saying that her father smacked her with the metal lead at least five times in their home on Kingsland Avenue near Driggs Avenue.

She had severe bruising on her legs, back and neck. Police collar the abusive parent that day and charged him with assault, weapons possession, and menacing. He's facing seven years in the pokey on just the assault charge.

Not worth it

Two jerks were arrested after they robbed a woman for \$6 on N. Sixth Street on June 4.

The woman flagged down a patrol car at about 3:30 pm, telling cops that three men surrounded her between Berry Street and Bedford Avenue and demanded the cash. The thieves fled, but cops tracked down and collected two of them.

Fashion crime

A nosy-cunning thief was arrested for pinching clothes from the Fashion Plaza shop on Manhattan Avenue, then for allegedly attacking the clerk who confronted her on June 5.

The clerk told police that she saw the woman stuffing several items in her bag at the shop, which is between Norman and Nassau avenues, at about 5 pm. The shoplifter apparently went berserk when she got caught, and pushed the clerk to the ground before fleeing. Cops found her and the new digs down the street.

Knife girlfriend

A crazed woman was arrested for stabbing her boyfriend in the back after they had an argument near Mugs Aloha on Bedford Avenue on June 5.

The victim told cops that he was arguing with his then-girlfriend inside the bar near N. Seventh Street at about 12:10 pm. The fight got heated enough that the guy got up and left, but when he went outside, his girlfriend stabbed him in the back with a four-inch knife.

Cops later tracked down the 41-year-old perp and arrested her.

The Hulk steals!

It looks like The Incredible Hulk is a thief—there's no way a mere mortal could have bent back the metal bars of a gate at Hotel Delmano on Berry Street, smashed down the front door and taken \$250 all by himself.

But that's exactly what happened on June 2, when a bartender showed up for work and found the damage done and cash gone from the bar, which is near N. Ninth Street.

Posers

Two sneaky thugs posing as police robbed a woman for \$1,248 at her home on Nassau Avenue on June 4.

The victim told police that two men knocked on the door at her home, which is near N. Henry Street, at about 6 a.m., claiming to be policemen looking for her grandson. She let them enter and search the house, and realized later that the cash was gone.

Backstabbed

An angry brute stabbed a woman in the back after an argument on Manhattan and Meserole avenues on June 6.

The victim told cops that she was arguing with the guy whom she apparently didn't know—at about 4 a.m. When she tried to walk away, he stabbed her in the lower back and fled.

—Andy Campbell

90TH PRECINCT

Williamsburg-Bushwick

C-team

Three no-good punks wrestled their victim to the ground and stole his phone on Metropolitan Avenue on June 4—but cops later sandbagged two.

The punks approached a man from behind at the corner of Robbing Street at 3 a.m.

One thug applied a head-

POLICE BLOTTER

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Cash dud

Two thieves broke into a clothing store on Penn Street and stole \$300 on June 3.

The burglars broke into the store, which is near Bedford Avenue, after the shop owner locked up at 8 pm. When the owner returned on 1 pm the next day, she discovered the cash was missing.

Honda hoodwinked

A thief stole jewelry and electronics from a car on S. Fifth Street on June 3. The driver pulled his car near Havemeyer Street at 10 a.m., but when he returned at 4:50 pm, he found the driver's-side window smashed and his phone, computer and gold bracelet gone.

He also lost a fur-covered hat of a style popular among Hasidic Jews. Such hats can be worth thousands of dollars.

Bike thief

A cyclist crook rode up next to his victim on Bushwick Avenue on June 4 and stole her pocketbook.

The crook followed his victim near Devoe Street at around 5 pm, and applied his brakes as he got near her. That's when he grabbed the woman's pocketbook and then sped off down Bushwick, before taking its contents and tossing the now-useless bag onto the street.

Body shots

A violent thug shot a man's back and left leg multiple times on Boerum Street on June 5.

The shooter approached the victim near Humboldt Street as he was walking to the L train at 11:30 pm, and shot him several times for no apparent reason. The victim was treated for his injuries.

Choke hold

A thug put a victim in a chokehold on Devoe Street on June 5, grabbed her pocketbook, and pushed her to the ground.

The robber approached his victim at 2:55 am near Manhattan Avenue, choked her and pulled her pocketbook off her shoulder before fleeing with her keys and credit cards.

Subway rob

A robber and his two punk friends threatened a victim with a knife and stole his iPod near the J train on Flushing Avenue.

The perp removed his iPod and fled down Broadway. The victim approached his victim on May 31 at 8:15 pm, when one shouted, "Gimme what you got out of it!"

In-ten-idate

Ten teenagers tried to steal merchandise from a Graham Avenue store on June 1, but instead, they punched the store manager in the face.

The teens entered the store near Moore Street at 3:30 pm. One tried to steal some property, but the manager confronted him. A fight ensued, and three of the perps punched the manager around his face and fled down Graham Avenue.

Laptop taken

A thief broke into a Leominster Street apartment on June 1, stealing the victim's laptop.

The perp broke into the building near Stage Street after 6:30 pm, grabbing the \$2,200 computer and fleeing. When the tenant returned by 9:30 pm, he found his computer missing.

76TH PRECINCT

Carroll Gardens

Cobble Hill-Red Hook

Cell punch

A perp took advantage of a distracted pedestrian, swiping his phone as he texted while walking on May 29—but the teenager fought back and regained the mobile device.

13 vs. 33

A 13-year-old girl was arrested for robbing a 33-year-old woman on June 6.

Police said the victim was passing the corner of Lafayette and South Portland avenues at 12:30 am when the teeny bopper barreled into her, knocking her off balance.

The teen ran off with the woman's phone, but was soon grabbed up by police.

Summer steal

A sweetening shoplifter swiped seven pairs of shorts from the Flatbush Avenue Modell's on June 1.

Police said that the 51-year-old thief was inside the sportswear store between Atlantic Avenue and Pacific Street when he grabbed the shorts from a display rack and ran off.

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Facebook to the rescue?

Pool users unite — online — to save the 'Double D' from axe

By Gary Buliso
The Brooklyn Paper

It's sink-or-swim time for fans of the Douglass-Degraw pool, who are hoping that their newly created Facebook group will generate a tidal wave of letters to convince the big fish in city government to rescue their beloved watering hole.

The Parks Department said last week that Gov. Cuomo's beloved "Double D" pool would be among four such facilities citywide that will be closed for the summer in order to save \$200,000, news that quickly mobilized

computer-savvy pool lovers. Opponents of the city's plan to close the pool, which is on Nevins Street between Douglass and Degraw streets, set up the "Don't Close Double D pool" page to show the city that swimmers are not going to do the dead man's float over this particular budget cut.

"This pool is used by the many families in the Boerum Hill, Carroll Gardens, Cobble Hill, Gowanus, North Park Slope and Downtown Brooklyn neighborhoods and not only provides much needed relief from the summer heat,



Sam Neely and Adam Cherrington started a Facebook page to get the decision reversed.

but also exercise and an opportunity to learn to swim," the Facebook page reads, im-

ploring members to write the mayor, the Parks Department, and other lawmakers so that the plan is scrapped.

"We are hoping that through the group, we can rally people to contact their local politicians and have them reverse the decision and find the cuts somewhere else," said group co-creator Adam Cherrington.

The city said its decision was based in part on low attendance numbers at the pool. Last summer, roughly 37,800 people visited D&D pool, com-

pared to 93,000 at the much larger Red Hook pool.

A local resident and Facebook group co-creator Sam Neely said that he loves the Douglass-Degraw pool because its covey confines make it a "secret" oasis for sun-worshippers.

Indeed, The Brooklyn Paper once called D&D "the hidden gem" of the outdoor pool system, praising its kiddie pool as an added attraction.

Facebook group member Grace Friedman agreed, writing, "Its wading pool and picnic area make it ideal for families with young children unlike the bigger pool in far away Red Hook."

Particularly galling is that Brooklyn Heights and DUMBO get to play while Gowanus, it seems, gets the shaft.

"This is happening at the same time that Brooklyn Bridge Park is opening — the nicest, fanciest park," Facebook group member Susan Weltman wrote.

POOL...

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immediate area surrounding the pool is industrial — not residential — whereas many other pools in Brooklyn are directly adjacent to public housing," said Parks Department spokesman Philip Abramson.

The pool is across from a truck repair yard and a brass and copper company's warehouse, but the surrounding blocks are also home to dense public housing developments, including the Wyckoff Gardens, the Gowanus Houses, and a development on Warren Street.

And the Brooklyn Bowlers climbing gym, a half-block from the pool attracts thousands of kids — many of whom were hoping to use the Douglass-Degraw pool to cool off.

"This is very much a bummer," said Brendan Hendry, a manager at Brooklyn Bowlers, which was planning to incorporate the pool into its summer programming. "I was very much looking forward to having a pool in the neighborhood."

Charlene Nimmons, the

president of the Wyckoff Gardens' resident's association, saw a larger problem than just inconvenienced climbers.

"You have over 1,000 residents right here in Wyckoff, another 2,000 plus in Gowanus, and 500 in the Warren Street houses — to say it is an 'industrial area' is an insult to us," she charged. "Our families want to cool down, too."

The startling news made residents more than a little hot under the collar.

"The city is definitely doing the wrong thing!" said resident Lois Boyd. "You are condemning black and Hispanic neighborhoods."

Park advocates were also taken off guard by the closing.

"They gave me no warning at all," said Sue Wolfe, the president of the group Friends of Douglass/Greene Park.

Along with public housing residents in the neighborhood, the pool was also well used by residents of neighboring Boerum Hill, Carroll Gardens and Park Slope, Wolfe noted.

"This is a terrible decision, and we're going to fight it," she said.

The Parks Department said that the controversial decision was also a result of attendance figures. Last summer, roughly 37,800 people visited D&D pool, compared to 93,000 at the much larger Red Hook pool.

Whatever the statistics say, the "Double D" pool has a long list of fans, who cherish its intimate feel, large kiddie pool area and relaxed rule enforcement. In 2007, The Brooklyn Paper called it "the hidden gem of the system."

Public pools will open for the season on June 29.

MTA

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ing this conversation," said Joe Chan, president of the Downtown Brooklyn Partnership, a quasi-governmental group.

Strangers were equally disgusted. "They need to fix it — it's not healthy," said commuter Anjell Bowers. If Jay Street were Wall Street, it is unlikely the ceilings would be left to deteriorate, she added.

"But Wall Street is where the money is," Commuter Norman Chan agreed.

"If this was an apartment building, this would be a major housing violation," he charged. "You wouldn't rent a place that looked like this."

The shoddy courtyards are a part of 370 Jay St., a building owned by the city and leased to the MTA. Under the terms of the lease agreement, building maintenance is the responsibility of Transit, which was once headquartered in the 13-story eyecore.

Chan has been pushing for the sale of the building so that small businesses and a retail strip could move in, but the MTA balked, saying it plans to eventually renovate the space and consolidate its operations there. For now, the building remains vacant, surrounded by scaffolding and swaddled in black netting — in anticipation of interior renovations that are at least two years away.

"The MTA has to stop blighting the neighborhood through its neglect of this building," Chan said, adding that the investment the agency made to rehabilitating the station justifies cleaning up the exterior. "Saying this sticks out like a sore thumb is a huge understatement."

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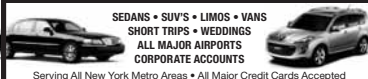
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Lobster Pound gets crabby

Despite losing bid, Hook eatery will sell at Bridge Park anyway

By Andy Campbell

The Brooklyn Paper
It looks like Brooklyn is taking back the concessions at Bridge Park. The new Lobster Pound in Red Hook announced that it would sell its delicious rolls next to the pier anyway — despite losing to those Manhattan businesses in the application process.

"We wanted to be in the park, but it didn't work out," said Sam Sherman, a Lobster Pound employee who was serving customers in a tent near the Brooklyn Ice Cream Factory across the street from the entrance to Pier 1 at the foot of Old Fulton Street in DUMBO.

"[Developers said] this park is supposed to offer the best of Brooklyn — we are definitely the best of Brooklyn, so here we are."

New park-goers can enjoy lobster Thursday through Sunday from 1 to 7 pm at the Fulton Ferry Landing pier. Indeed, the new Lobster Pound tent not only flies in the face of the failed concession venture at the park, it also opened before the four concessions on Pier 1, which are supposed to start hawking ice cream, tacos and wine sometime this month. Lobster Pound workers said competition wasn't really a factor in their move to DUMBO on Memorial Day weekend, but the delicious roll (\$15) is a Red Hook staple and a killer



The cold-served, delicious lobster salad rolls are awesome on a hot day.

contender for the park's customer attention.

Folks who already operate businesses near the pier see this as an opportunity. In fact, workers at the Brooklyn Ice Cream Factory who OK'd the neighborhood set-up said that Lobster Pound may have a new permanent home.

"We're trying it out — we know that Lobster Pound is great," said Mark Thompson, owner of the ice cream shop. "Before they went through all that trouble with the park application, I thought this location was better anyway."

Regardless, the foot of Old Fulton Street is shaping up to be a foodie hotspot this summer, that is, once the competition — Blue Market Cream, Calesico Carne Asada, and a wine bar among them — arrives later this month.

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Canal now has balls

New buoys are a sign of a water purification system

By Gary Buiso

The Brooklyn Paper

There's something floating atop the notoriously polluted Gowanus Canal — and it's actually a good thing!

The Department of Environmental Protection said that those new red and white buoys dancing on the greasy waterway's surface are a colorful warning for vessels not to damage newly installed pipes that are suspended underneath, part of a multi-million initiative to improve water quality and reduce the canal's trademark stink by mixing oxygen with canal water.

The temporary system will oxygenate the water during the \$50-million rehabilitation of an existing flushing tunnel and a \$85-million upgrade of the wastewater pumping station, both of which will be done by 2013.

During those upgrades, the flushing tunnel will be turned off, necessitating the aeration piping.

The temporary system will be up and running in August, the city said. The work is proceeding independently of a federally led Superfund clean-up of the canal.



Round white buoys showed up the other day in the Gowanus Canal, part of the initial phase of the Superfund clean-up. This is the view looking south from the Union Street bridge.

Shooting in Owls Head Park

By Thomas Tracy

The Brooklyn Paper

A racially charged teen rumble in Bay Ridge's bucolic Owls Head Park ended with gunfire on Wednesday, leaving one teen critically injured.

Police said blood was spilled after a group of Hispanic youths and some Middle Eastern teens drew down at around 6:45 pm.

The Hispanic teens were hanging out near the basketball courts on the Colonial Road side of the park near 67th Street when the Middle Eastern teens arrived looking to settle a score — the two crews had clashed a few weeks earlier at 86th Street and Third Avenue. As a re-

sult one of the Hispanic teens was slashed in the leg and two of the Middle Eastern youths were arrested.

Yet police sources said this powder wasn't expected to end peacefully — especially since both groups showed up armed.

"The [Middle Eastern] kids came to the park with bats, but the other group had a gun," one police source said. "Obviously, the gun beat the bats."

That became apparent when they charged each other in some kind of crazed "Gangs of New York" re-enactment. Seconds into the fray a 16-year-old Hispanic brawler pulled a gun and opened fire, hitting one of the Middle Eastern teens.

"I was leaving the park with my dog when I heard the gunshots," said Bernadette Hoban, president of the Friends and Neighbors of Owls Head Park. "I said to myself 'Wait a minute, that doesn't sound like a fire-cracker!'"

The wounded teen was rushed to Lutheran Medical Center, where he was listed in critical yet stable condition after surgery.

The shooter and two other suspects, also 16, were collared and charged with attempted murder and assault. Few details of the arrest were immediately available.

The groups were ethnically divided, but no racial epithets were thrown during

the fistfuffs, said police, who have increased their patrols in area parks.

"A lot of kids and a lot of families go to these parks," said Inspector Eric Rodriguez, the commanding officer of the 68th Precinct. "To shoot a gun like that in the middle of the park is dangerous. That's our concern as we continue our enforcement."

Hoban agreed. "These kids don't usually hang out at the park, they just decided to meet there, but still it was scary," she said. "Three families were having a picnic in the park near the playground that night. That was just steps from where the shooting took place."

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Alfred Womack gazes at the out empty space where bikes were stolen at Brooklyn Bike and Board on Vanderbilt Avenue.

BIKES...

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ments. The thief had apparently been buzzed into the apartment building, then forced open the door to the basement.

Dausch and his workers' suspicions were confirmed early Saturday morning when they showed up for work and learned that someone — possibly the same person who took a bike a week earlier — had snapped the lock to the basement door and plucked bikes right off their racks.

Employees re-fortified the basement door — this time with two locks — but the brazen burglar returned the following night, pulling the door right off its hinges, they told police.

The thief made off with the locks, pedals and seats, but must have been frightened off. Two bikes were found in

the hallway in mid-rollback.

"We're reinforcing all the locks and speaking with some companies about installing our own cameras, and spreading the word via internet and phone calls to neighboring shops," Brooklyn Bike and Board owner Brian Gluck wrote on the store Web page on Monday. "May god strike this man down as I write this."

Gluck may mean that literally; he recently made a video promoting his store wearing a shirt reading, "Bike thieves shot on sight."

As the investigation continues, Dausch is hopeful the stolen bikes will be recovered.

"We've been scanning Craigslist and called other shops, asking them to keep an eye out for them," Dausch explained. "But they're probably going to end up in a yard sale in Staten Island."



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GOAL: (Left to right) Silvana Lima, a waitress at Miss Favela's, shows off her Brazilian pride. Ruen Ellis and Ayla Jones of Madiba fly the South African flag. Allison Whittinghill, a waitress at Bar Tabac, cheers for France.

'World' party

How to visit 11 countries without leaving Kings

By Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

The World Cup kicks off in South Africa this week, but you don't need to travel the globe to catch the soccer action.

All across Brooklyn, bars and restaurants will be draped with patriotic flags and their booths tuned to the games for the international sporting event of the season.

With that, here's our guide to the best places to catch your favorite team play, from the Australians to the Americans. The games begin on June 11 and continue through August.

Germany
Radeagast Hall and Biergarten (113 N. Third St. at Berry Street in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3973)

Brooklyn's easy-going, light-hearted

German fans are set to conquer Radeagast Biergarten in Williamsburg in the hope of rooting for Deutschland to take home the cup this year. The bar's owners are Slovakian and they describe the beer hall as Austro-Hungarian, but all three countries were under German control once, so what is a few more weeks?

With 13 beers on tap and another 45 bottles available, the crowds could get spirited in a hurry, particularly if Germany triumphs. Just don't expect the Germans to pick up the tab for any of their Greek or Turkish friends.

Brazil
Miss Favela's (157 S. Fifth St. at Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 230-4040)

Every weekend at Miss Favela's is Carnival, but it won't be if Brazil doesn't advance out of the Group of Death and advance to the finals. Cheer

on Kaka and the rest of the team with Brooklyn's most attractive brunch crowd at Miss Favela's, which will televise all the games and feature a special menu. Just don't root against the home team or it could be Kaka for you.

Spain
La Mancha (135 Atlantic Ave. between Henry and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 797-1975)

Spain has one thing on its mind this year after suffering an early round exit to France in 2006: revenge! Where else to stir the passions of vengeance than at La Mancha in Brooklyn Heights? Just as Pele has anointed Spain as the favorites in this year's tournament, we at Community Newspaper Group have anointed the paella as our favorite dish at La Mancha. Definitely fiesta with fans of the team that is probably going to win the whole

darn thing, while taunting the French who watched the game at Floyd's.

South Africa
Madiba (195 DeKalb Ave. between Carlton Avenue and Adelphi Street in Fort Greene, (718) 855-9190)

Come for the soccer, stay for the bunny chow, perhaps South Africa's national dish consisting of a hollowed-out loaf of bread filled with curry. Madiba has certainly been soaking up the attention from being the one South African bar and restaurant in the city when the World Cup is hosted by South Africa. In fact, there's a whole smorgasbord of comfort food to savor from breyani (rice pilaf with curry and lentils) to samosas, to chicken wings with spicy peri-peri sauce when South Africa makes a quick exit from the Cup after falling apart to France and Mexico. Sorry, but that's the reality.

France
Bar Tabac (128 Smith St. at Dean Street in Cobble Hill, (718) 923-0918)

The defeat of France following Zinedine Zidane's ejection in the second half of the epic World Cup title game in 2006 devastated Brooklyn's Francophiles, but they are a hardy bunch. Head back to Smith Street, Brooklyn's Champ-Elysees, this summer, and cheer on Thierry Henry and the Rouge, Blanc et Bleu. Be sure to savor your shrimp brochette with a chenin blanc and your steak frites with a Bordeaux, because if you don't pair your wine with your food properly, France will lose and it will be your fault.

Australia
Sheep Station (149 Fourth Ave. at Douglas Street in Park Slope, (718) 857-4337)

Australia may not have a chance this year, but that won't stop these Aussies. See GOAL on page 9

True battle royale

Where to see the week's hottest match

By Aaron Short
for The Brooklyn Paper

The eyes of the world will be on soccer for the next 10 weeks, but if any American eyes are on the World Cup, they'll be focused intensely on an early round heavy weight matchup between the United States and perennial powerhouse, England, on June 12.

Animosities between the two nations hasn't been this high since the War of 1812.

The Bell House will be the pitch-perfect venue for this clash of the Titans (or

at least one Titan).

The Gowanus-based bar promises one of the loudest venues on one of the biggest screens in Brooklyn. As the Americans and the Brits fight on the field at 2:30 pm, American and English DJs will battle it out on the dance floor, and Bell House hooligans can choose between American and English food and drink.

In Williamsburg, Bedford Avenue is the place to be, as Spike Hill has declared itself "Williamsburg's World Cup Headquarters," and Iona, which promises to televise every game, seems to have been built to celebrate just such an occasion. At Iona, housed in

one of the oldest buildings in Williamsburg, you will likely hear lots of different languages cheering for England, France, Italy, Spain, Germany, and the Netherlands, depending on the match.

In Bay Ridge, Casa Pepe is catering to fans of Mexico, Spain, and the United States, offering 25 percent off meals and complimentary cocktails during games featuring those teams. Root for high scoring matches, because when Spain scores, sangria is offered and when Mexico nets a goal, tequila shots will be served. And if the United States is lucky enough to push one through? Whiskey.

The Bell House (149 Seventh St. between Second and Third avenues in Gowanus, (718) 643-6501); Spike Hill (184 and 186 Bedford Ave. near N. Seventh Street in Williamsburg, (718) 218-9737); Iona (180 Grand St. at Bedford Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 384-5008); Casa Pepe (114 Bay Ridge Ave. near Colonial Road in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-8865).

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Sun 6/20	Slovakia vs. Paraguay (7:00am) Italy vs. New Zealand (9:30am) Brazil vs. Ivory Coast (2pm)
Mon 6/21	Portugal vs. North Korea (7:00am) Chile vs. Switzerland (9:30am) Mexico vs. Uruguay (9:30am)
Tue 6/22	France vs. England (9:30am) Nigeria vs. South Korea (2pm) Ghana vs. Germany (2pm)
Wed 6/23	Slovenia vs. England (9:30am) USA vs. Serbia (2pm) Ghana vs. Germany (2pm)
Thu 6/24	Slovakia vs. Italy (9:30am) Paraguay vs. New Zealand (9:30am) Denmark vs. Japan (2pm)
Fri 6/25	Portugal vs. Brazil (9:30am) Ivory Coast vs. Korea (9:30am) Chile vs. Spain (2pm)

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BEER Crafty brews

This craft festival has nothing to do with arts. On June 12, sample more than 40 different brews from local breweries and beyond during the first annual Craft Beer Festival at MCU Park.

There will be beers from A to Y, from Allagash in Portland, Maine, to Philadelphia's Victory Brewing Company. Williamsburg-based Brooklyn Brewery and Sixpoint in Red Hook will also be among the local craft brewers.

Admission gets you 20, three-ounce craft beer samples, as well as a lure back to the field with a ticket to the Cyclones June 21 game against the pesky Aberdeen IronBirds.

"It's a great way to start the year," said festival organizer Alexa Atria. "Hopefully we'll get bigger next year."

As if more than three dozen brews to choose from wasn't big enough.

Craft Beer Festival at MCU Park (1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th Street in Coney Island, (718) 449-8497, June 12, 4-9 pm. Tickets \$15-\$50. For info, visit www.brooklyncyclones.com.

—Meredith Deliso

MORE BEER! Suds nerds

Something is brewing at Union Hall — more accurately, homebrewing.

On June 15, the Park Slope bar and performance space will host Knights of Brooklyn Homebrewer's Sentry, the first in a series of three homebrew competitions.

Bill Ryder (pictured), an avid homebrewer, will go into battle with a classic pale ale with a snappy name: the Naked Short Sale Pale Ale.

"I'm always curious what people think of my beer," said Ryder, who's been brewing in his Park Slope home for several years. "This is just a simple recipe. It's lighter and good for warmer weather."

This contest, though, will be war — especially given the booty: The finalists will go head to head for the chance to brew a keg of their prize-winning beer at Sixpoint Craft Ales in Red Hook.

If you don't brew, fret not — instead head to Union Hall June 15 for to sample homebrew, sip limited edition cask ales and geek out with the rest of Brooklyn's homebrew community.

Knights of Brooklyn Homebrewer's Sentry at Union Hall (702 Union St. between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400) on June 15 at 7 pm.

—Kristen V. Brown

MORE BEER! Slainte!

Bloomsday has nothing to do with flowers. On June 12, raise a glass to one of Ireland's most famous exports — James Joyce — with a pub crawl that re-enacts scenes from the author's masterpiece, "Ulysses."

The entire action of the book — a day in the life of Dubliner Leopold Bloom — actually takes place on June 16, but organizers of "Bloomsday in Brooklyn" realized that it's easier to organize a pub crawl, literary aspirations aside, on a Saturday.

"We wanted to support the neighborhood and support Fifth Avenue," said John Burns, a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Brooklyn, an Irish society that is organizing the event for the first time. "The resurgence of Fifth Avenue has allowed for that."

The crawl starts at Black Sheep Pub — chosen because "Joyce is probably Ireland's most famous black sheep," said Burns.

Then it's on to O'Connor's, Luki and the Benmark, Jackie's, and Harry Boland's, all on Fifth Avenue, and then, just a short bus-ride away, Rocky Sullivan's in Red Hook.

At each stop, there will be traditional Irish music, and Irish actors will be reading passages from the novel. It'll be the closest to Dublin you can get.

Bloomsday starts at Black Sheep Pub (428 Bergen St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope) on June 12 at 2 pm. For info, visit www.bloomsdaynyc.org.

—Meredith Deliso

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between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Columbus Street Waterfront, (718) 395-3214, www.jalopy.biz.

MUSIC, STEPHANIE ROCKER AND THE SEARCH ENGINE: Soul-jazz-funk. \$5, 9 pm and

10:30 pm. Tea Lounge (837 Union St. at Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 789-2162, www.tealounge-ny.com).

THEATER, "CHEMISTRY": 10:45 pm. See Friday, June 11.

SALES AND MARKETS

PARK SLOPE GREENMARKET: Brooklyn's answer to Union Square. 9 am-4 pm. Grand Army Plaza (Union Street at Flatbush Avenue in Park Slope, (212) 788-

7900). cency.org.

GIANT TAG SALE: Free. 9 am-5 pm. Cadman Towers Building 101 Clark Street, between Henry Street and Cadman Plaza West in Brooklyn Heights).

ARTISTS AND FLEAS: Free. Noon-8 pm. Artists and Fleas (129 N. Sixth St. between Bedford Avenue and Berry Street in Williamsburg, www.artistsandfleas.com).

FULTON FLEA: Free. 11 am-7

pm. (650 Fulton Street in Fort Greene, (917) 364-5440, www.fultonflea.com).

VINEGAR HILL STOOP SALE: Neighborhood-wide garage sales. 11 am-5 pm. (Various locations in Vinegar Hill, (718) 858-1029).

OTHER

ART, "NAILED": More than 1,200 paintings, drawings, photographs, mixed media and sculptures by 250 artists are on exhibit and up for sale. 1-6 pm. Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition (499 Van Brunt St. near Reed Street in Red Hook, (917) 655-2980, www.bwa-c.org).

FILM, BROOKLYN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL: 2:30-10:30 pm. See Friday, June 11.

HEALTH, BROOKLYN HOSPITAL HEALTH FAIR: Free. 10 am-3 pm. Fort Greene Park (DeKalb Avenue and Washington Park in Fort Greene, (718) 250-8344, www.ttbh.org).

HEALTH, BLOOD DRIVE: 11 am. St. Philip's Church (107/208 St. between 10th and 11th avenues in Dyer Heights, (718) 757-9978, www.stphilbrooklyn.com).

GREEK FESTIVAL: 1 pm-1 pm. See Friday, June 11.

BROOKLYN PRIDE'S "AMAZING RACE": Part scavenger hunt, part obstacle course. \$35. 12:30-4 pm. Bartel Pritchard Square (Prospect Park West at 15th Street in Park Slope, www.brooklynpride.org).

FILM, "MY BEST GIRL": Silent Mary Pickford film with live piano accompaniment. \$10. 7 pm. Brooklyn Baptist Temple (340 Schermerhorn St. at Third Avenue in Downtown, www.brooklynbaptist.org).

"ALICE...ALICE...ALICE": 8 pm. See Friday, June 11.

SUN, JUNE 13

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

SPRING GARDEN FEST: 1-5 pm. See Friday, June 11.

PERFORMANCE

THEATER, "HECK! AN IT. SPAGHETTI WESTERN": 2

pm. See Saturday, June 12.

MUSIC, RECORD SHOW: Thousands of rare and collectible vinyl and CDs on sale. Free to enter. Noon. Brooklyn Bowl (61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369, www.brooklynbowl.com).

MUSIC, CLASSICAL CONCERT: 3 pm. See Saturday, June 12.

THEATER, "CARMEN": 3 pm. See Saturday, June 12.

THEATER, "REDEAR AND DOMICELLA": 4:30 pm. See Saturday, June 12.

MUSIC, THE DANNY KALB TRIO: Blues group holds evening concert at Green-Wood Cemetery. Refreshments will be served. 7 pm. Green-Wood Cemetery (Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Sunset Park, (718) 768-7300, www.greenwood.com).

MUSIC, CHRIS RAE AND ED PASTORINI: 7 pm. Barbers (376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177, www.barbers-

brooklyn.com).

ART, "NAILED": 1-4 pm. See Saturday, June 12.

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GREEK FESTIVAL: 1-4 pm. See Friday, June 11.

FILM, ROOFTOP FILMS

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MON, JUNE 14

COMEDY: Hosted by Aaron Glazer. 7:30 pm. Pete's Candy Store (709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 303-3700, www.petescandystore.com).

"ALICE...ALICE...ALICE": 8 pm. See Friday, June 11.

READING, FRANKLIN PARK READING SERIES: Featuring Justin Taylor, Zetta Ellis, R. B. Smith, Sini Anderson and Aimee Norwick. Free. 8-10 pm. Franklin Park (618 St. Johns Pl. between Classon and Franklin avenues in Crown Heights, franklinpark-brooklyn.com).

TUES, JUNE 15

COMEDY: Free. 6-8 pm. Puppet's Jazz Bar (481 Fifth Ave. at 11th Street in Park Slope, (718) 499-2622, www.puppetsjazz.com).

THEATER, "DANIEL AND THE BICYCLE POWERED CLOUD PLANE": As part of the Too Soon Festival. \$15. 7 pm. Brick Theater (575 Metropolitan Ave. at Lorimer Street in Williamsburg, (718) 907-6189, www.bricktheater.com).

THEATER, "HOCK! AN IT. SPAGHETTI WESTERN": 2 pm. See Saturday, June 12.

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MUSIC, BIG DADDY KANE WITH DJ JON CUICK: Free. 7 pm. Von King Park (Lafayette and Tompkins avenues in Bedford-Stuyvesant).

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THURS, JUNE 17

MUSIC, TONY ALLEN: Free. Noon-2 pm. MetroTech Commons (Flatbush and

Myrtle avenues in Downtown).

CIRCUS, "ILLUSINATION": Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's new summer circus. \$10-\$20. 7 pm. Coney Island Boardwalk (Surf Avenue at West 21st Street in Coney Island, (800) 745-3000, www.ringling.com/coneyisland).

THEATER, "CHEMISTRY": 7 pm. See Friday, June 11.

READING, MOTHER AND SON, MIRIAM COHEN AND GABRIEL COHEN: The mom is a kid's book author; the son, a crime novelist. Free. 7 pm. BookCourt (163 Court St. between Pacific and Dean streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 875-3677, www.bookcourt.org).

COMEDY NIGHT, EUGENE MIRMAN AND FRIENDS: Comic Mirman presents an evening of laughs at Celebrate Brooklyn. Free. 7:30 pm. Prospect Park band shell (Enter park at Prospect Park West and 92nd Street in Prospect Park, www.brickartmedia.org/celebrate).

"ALICE...ALICE...ALICE": 8 pm. See Friday, June 11.

FRI, JUNE 18

BOCCA ARTS FESTIVAL: Annual fair in the Boerum Hill, Cobble Hill, and Carroll Gardens neighborhoods. Show times and locations: 6 pm. PS 12 (317 Hoyt St. between Union and President streets in Boerum Hill, (718) 330-9295).

CIRCUS, "ILLUSINATION": 7 pm. See Thursday, June 17.

THEATER, "DEATH IS A SCREAM": 7 pm. See Friday, June 11.

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SAT, JUNE 19

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

GREEN MARKET: 8 am-3 pm. See Saturday, June 12.

PICNIC ON THE PROMENADE: Celebrate the Brooklyn Heights Association's 100th anniversary with your Heights neighbors — plus music by the Dredde Dredde Dredde. Free. 11 am-1 pm. Brooklyn Heights Promenade (Enter at Orange Street in Brooklyn Heights).

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THEATER, "DE FLEDER MAUS": Strauss's most celebrated operetta, with "special surprise guest stars." \$5-\$25. 1:30 pm. Littlefield (622 Degraw St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388, www.brooklyn.org).

THEATER, "DEATH IS A SCREAM": 3 pm. See Friday, June 11.

THEATER, "THE WEDDING OF BERT JOHNSON AND IAN W. HILL": As part of the Too Soon Festival. \$15. 4:45 pm. Brick Theater (575 Metropolitan Ave. at Lorimer Street in Williamsburg, (718) 907-6189, www.bricktheater.com).

THEATER, "HECK! AN IT. SPAGHETTI WESTERN": 7 pm. See Saturday, June 12.

MUSIC, ELI "PAPERBOY" REED: \$12. 8 pm. The Bell House (149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510, www.thebellhouse.com).

THEATER, "HOP ID — A CELEBRATION OF DEATH": 9:15 pm. See Saturday, June 12.

SALES AND MARKETS

PARK SLOPE GREENMARKET: 9 am-4 pm. See Saturday, June 12.

PS 321 FLEA MARKET: 9 am-5 pm. See Saturday, June 12.

ARTISTS AND FLEAS: Noon-8 pm. See Saturday, June 12.

FULTON FLEA: 11 am-7 pm. See Saturday, June 12.

OTHER

BOCCA ARTS FESTIVAL: See Friday, June 11.

CIRCUS, "ILLUSINATION": 6:30 pm. See Thursday, June 17.

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LETTERS

Readers want Walmart

To the editor,
A turnout of only 50 protesters, many from the scandal-riddled ACORN group now operating under the name, New York Community for Change—picketing at Starrett City against Walmart, said it all ("First Walmart protest; Foes lambast superstore, but rally is tiny," May 28).

All public opinion polls have, consistently, shown that New Yorkers would like the opportunity to shop at Walmart.

Construction of a new Wal-Mart provides work for construction contractors and their employees, and once opened, there will be employment opportunities for many workers, including students, housewives, heads of single family households, senior citizens and ordinary people currently out of work.

Walmart is the nation's largest private sector employer with more than one million, two hundred thousand employees, and growing each year.

Tens of millions of Americans, including many fellow New Yorkers, own stock in Walmart; the same is true for the various retirement and pension plans many people participate in.

Starting pay is several dollars up to double above the minimum wage for new employees around the nation and promotional opportunities, including training for higher paying managerial positions, are common. They also offer health care and other benefits. Walmart may actually pay higher salaries and offer more benefits than some of their competitors.

The free enterprise system made our nation great, and

economic growth and the creation of wealth comes from businesses, small and large. Consumers shopping at Walmart get a better bang for the buck by being able to compare prices, quality and service to other stores.

Many New Yorkers can't afford to pay extra. They need the great prices, good quality merchandise, affordable food and drugs that Walmart offers. Consumers have voted with their feet all over America making Walmart the number one retail merchant success story it is today. It is time to allow Walmart the opportunity to compete in the New York City marketplace as well! For those fifty protesters, don't shop there, but give everyone else a choice.

Larry Penner,
Great Neck, Long Island

To the editor,
I don't understand all the complaints about having a Walmart in Brooklyn.

Those who don't like Walmart don't have to shop there, and don't have to work there. It's like watching TV. If you don't like the show, you don't have to watch it!

For those of us who like Walmart, it's eight miles from the Gateway Shopping Center to Valley Stream. While I'm there, I also shop at the Green Acres Mall and at other local merchants instead of going to different areas to shop. This means my tax dollars go to Nassau County.

If the crybabes succeed in keeping Walmart out of Brooklyn, so be it—there are thousands of us who will continue to go to Valley Stream!

James Panzo,
Griffiths Beach

To the editor,
Years ago, when most people had common sense and showed courtesy towards their neighbors, they would put a bell on the handlebar of their bikes so that you could hear them beeping when they were coming up behind you ("PPW bike lane underway," June 4).

Today most bikers are rude and dangerous, speeding along the sidewalks, coming up behind people—especially seniors—and scaring

the crap out of them while risking hitting them! Then, they have the nerve to yell at the pedestrians to get out of the way!

They wear helmets to protect them, but we should wear suits of armor to protect us from the damage they can cause by hitting us.

Please encourage your readers to demand that all bikes should, by law, have bells on them to warn pedestrians.

Eileen McEvoy,
Prospect Park South

To the editor,
I am asking residents of Prospect Park West and interconnecting side streets to help protect our historic homes and community in light of the Department of Transportation's plans to eliminate one lane of through traffic on Prospect Park West.

From Union Street to Bartlett Pritchard Square—and install a two-way parking protected bicycle lane on the park side.

The agency claims that this will control speeding and make the street safer for cyclists, pedestrians and cars.

It would be safer and cheaper if the existing bicycle lane inside the park, already limited to cars, was converted into a two-way bicycle lane.

Aside from losing at least 22 much-needed and fought over parking spaces, ambulance, fire and police emergency vehicles could be delayed reaching residents of Prospect Park West.

Also, with traffic down to only two lanes, it will become increasingly dangerous for passengers to exit from the right side of cars, on the park side of the street, and for drivers to exit the left side of cars on the residential side.

Noise pollution and road rage will only increase the dangerous as all traffic narrows down to possibly one lane with parents dropping off and picking up children at Poly Prep, and buses bringing classes and summer camp children to the park.

Since the B69 bus route has already been rerouted, add to this the fact that car services are now double parking to deliver patients to the

veterinary clinic and the multitude of doctors' offices on Prospect Park West and the danger increases.

Has the Department of Transportation factored in the many service vehicles that have to double park to carry out their daily services to our community? If this is a city plan to increase revenue by issuing summonses to all these vehicles, it won't be long before our quality of life will suffer by higher consumer rates, or services that refuse to deliver to our thriving community.

Please express your opposition to this detrimental change to our neighborhood by contacting Borough President Markowitz at (718) 802-3700 or by e-mailing askmarty@brooklynpaper.com; Councilman Brad Lander at (718) 499-1090 or by e-mailing lander@council.nyc.gov; Assemblyman Jim Brenan at (718) 788-7221 or by e-mailing breman@assembly.state.ny.us.

Gail Shor, Park Slope

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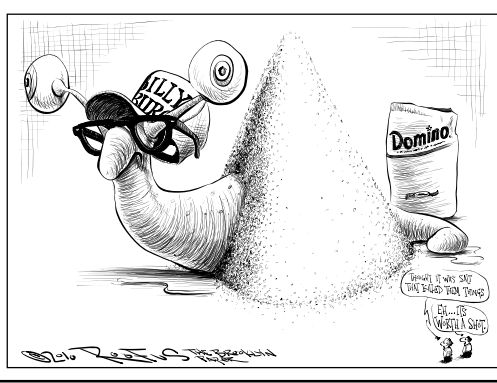
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We're clean
To the editor,

Your article "City gets trashied" (May 21) completely misled your readers and contained incorrect information.

The Department of Sanitation makes every effort to keep New York City clean for all New Yorkers. However, current economic conditions had an impact on the city's adopted budget.

Litter basket collection is a priority and, in spite of a painful \$80-million budget reduction in 2010, we are devoting all available resources to servicing baskets in high-density, heavily trafficked areas as often as possible.

It is true that dedicated litter basket trucks were eliminated in all the outer boroughs. However, these baskets are being serviced by householder refuse collection trucks along their routes at least twice a week. Prior to these necessary changes, these cuts were discussed at public hearings in City Council, although the article makes it appear as if the Department was concealing the change.

On a more personal basis,

the facts completely contradict the article's false headline and the article's lead ("It's official: the city has stopped picking up garbage").

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Faced with either cutting back corner litter basket service, or cutting the frequency of household collection, the department chose cutting back on basket service. Although any cut in service is painful, this would have less impact than if we were to have scaled back household collection.

The Department also finds that a large number of litter baskets that are overflowing are being abused by pedestrians disposing their household or commercial waste. This is not only illegal, but also fills the baskets up faster.

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The Waterfront Commission cannot dictate to stevedores, or to their trucking companies, what routes they should, or should not, use.

The Waterfront Commission is committed to transparency in its investigation and prosecution of kickbacks on the waterfront, therefore we were deeply concerned with the unsubstantiated allegations of kickbacks set forth in your article.

Please be advised that Walter Arsenault, the executive director of the Waterfront Commission, spoke with Councilman Brad Lander (D-Park Slope), regarding the councilman's statement that the "Commission gets a kickback from truck drivers who are counted as stevedores." Councilman Lander personally assured Mr. Arsenault that he did not refer to the assessments collected by the Commission as "kickbacks."

Phoebe Sorial,
Columbia Street
The writer is general counsel for the Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor.

Editor's note: Brooklyn Paper reporter Stephen Brown quoted Lander accurately. We stand by our story.

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'ReDress' the problem

Plus-sized vintage boutique is a big success

By Ben Kochman
For The Brooklyn Paper

In a fashion world where petit waists and slim bellies reign supreme, one Brooklyn business owner is showing that hefty women, long excluded from the couture scene, are sexy, too.

At her plus-size vintage and re-sale boutique Re/Dress NYC on Boerum Place, Deborah Malkin gives her shapely clientele a plethora of ways to shine in a retail market fixated with smaller women.

Vintage boutiques are certainly all over the place, but Malkin says that her plus-size shop fits a niche market that has long been under wraps (size 14 and larger wraps, that is).

"ReDress means to make better" or "to address an unfair situation," Malkin told us in the lounge of her spacious store, which is between Pacific and Dean streets. "There are thousands of Missy-sized bou-



Deborah Malkin owns ReDress, a plus-size shop on Boerum Place in Cobble Hill.

tiques, but plus-size fashion is neglected in the greater fashion world."

Malkin's selection is vast, from denim jeans to 1980s-era shoulder pads and neon leggings, but the unifying theme is a welcoming atmosphere, complete with friendly yellow walls and aisles wide enough to fit women of all shapes and sizes.

When she opened her boutique in 2008, Malkin converted a large plumbing center that she described as

"nasty" into a comfortable place for plump women (and the occasional man, she insists) to use fashion "as a means of self-expression."

In those two years, Re/Dress has become a Mecca for plus-size buyers, who might otherwise be reduced to buying clothes online.

"I was amazed that there was a vintage, only-plus-size store," said a British customer who lives in Manhattan, as she gleefully sifted through dresses. "There's loads of vintage in the U.K., but no plus size."

ReDress NYC 1109 Boerum Pl. between Pacific and Dean streets in Boerum Hill, (718) 522-7962. Open Sunday-Wednesday, noon-7 pm; and Thursday-Saturday, noon-9 pm.

TAVERN...

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Bushwick to Coney Island by train).

The people said they came for Damito.

"You walk in and the guy not only knows you by name, but he already knows you a 40-ounce Bud Light," said out-of-towner Eric Schwartz, who fittingly cradled a 40-ounce in his hands. "Ray's the real Brooklyn."

Damito took ownership of the bar in 1990, but he's lived "just over the hill" for most of his 74 years. Since he became a regular himself,

he's seen Brooklyn degenerate into a logged-out country getaway, the bar burn down and get rebuilt, and plenty of loved ones come and go.

He hasn't spent much time in the borough, but agreed that both of the coastal Brooklyn's share one solid trait: character.

"I've met so many dang good people here," Damito said, interrupted as he handed a beer to a guy he called "Chip" who walked through the door. "But they don't come for me, we all come here to see each other again."

BLOTTER...

Continued from page 4

An employee chased the thief across the street to the corner of Fourth Avenue and Pacific Street, where the suspect took a swing at his pursuer and dropped the loot.

Cops caught up with the thief seconds later, taking him into custody after a brief struggle.

Quick pick

A thief crept into a Lafayette Avenue apartment on June 4 and got away with electronics and jewelry before the victim returned within an hour.

The 56-year-old tenant told police that he left the home between Ashland and St. Felix streets at 10 am. He returned 60 minutes later to find his front door unlocked and his side window open.

His drapes were knocked to the floor and \$2,500, a necklace and two laptop computers were missing, he said.

—Thomas Tracy

78TH PRECINCT

Park Slope

Drunken master

A gun-toting thief took advantage of a man who'd had at least one too many on June 2, forcing him at gunpoint to hand over his cellphone and iPod on Union Street.

The 19-year-old victim told cops that he was a bit tipsy as he walked between Third Avenue and Nevins Street at around 3:15 am. That's when a man sneaked up from behind, pointed the gun at the victim's trembling jaw, and demanded the electronic goodies.

The victim's mild inebriation rendered him unable to offer a good description of the gunman.

Wizard of Oz

A thief snatched a woman's purse off the back of her chair at Ozzie's on Seventh Avenue on May 31.

The woman told cops that she was reading in the popular coffeehouse at the corner of Lincoln Place at around 7 pm when someone stealthily grabbed her bag, which contained a cellphone, fancy sunglasses and a leather wallet.

Ice burgs

At least three apartments were busted into by thieves. Here are the annoying details:

• A thief stole \$1,500 from a 12th Street apartment over the Memorial Day weekend. When the victim came home on May 31, she noticed that the cash was missing from the unit, which is between Eighth Avenue and Prospect Park West.

• Fancy electronic equipment and cash was swiped out of a St. Marks Place apartment on June 1. The victim told cops that she was not in the unit, which is between Fourth and Fifth avenues, between 10 am and 2 pm, when she returned to find the digital camera, video camera, laptop and \$200 gone.

• A heartless thief stole everything from a poor immigrant's 10th Street apartment on May 21. The victim told cops that while he was briefly held by immigration authorities between 8 am and noon, a thief broke into his apartment, which is between Seventh and Eighth avenues, and took his passport, jewelry, computer, TV, bike, CDs, vital documents and even his bloody toaster.

Old gold

Two very old cars were swiped off Park Slope streets last week, a tribute to the enduring allure of foreign wheels. Here's a roundup:

• A thief stole a 13-year-old Nissan from Second Street between Seventh and Eighth avenues. The owner told cops that she parked the car on May 29 at 10 am, but it was gone the next day at 3 pm.

• A 12-year-old VW Microbus was just too alluring for another thief, who swiped it from Garfield Place between Fifth and Sixth avenues. The owner of the beloved Woodstock Generation wheels told cops that she parked it on May 20, but it was gone by June 2.

Break-ins

At least two cars were broken into, too.

• A thief stole a computer, a radar detector and a navigation system from a 2000 BMW that had been parked on Carroll Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues on May 29. The owner said he was away from the vehicle between 12:30 and 10 pm.

• A thief will be medicating himself with Margartas, thanks to the cache of stuff he took from a car that had been parked on Eighth Avenue near First Street. The car's owner said that when she returned to her car on May 31 at 6 pm, she discovered that her medical books and a blender had been removed.

—Gersh Kuntzman

68TH PRECINCT

Bay Ridge-Dyker Heights

Unit ransacked

A woman returned to her 70th Street home from a month-long holiday on June 1 to find that it had been completely ransacked — and lots of fancy electronics were taken.

She told police that she returned to the house, which is between Third and Fourth avenues, and found her front door open and her dresser drawers rifled.

Two laptop computers and a camera were missing, she said.

Wallet woes

Sticky-fingered thieves nabbed wallets last week. Here's a sample:

• An 18-year-old exited an N train at the Fort Hamilton Parkway station on June 2 only to learn that someone had lifted his wallet out of his backpack. The victim said that he exited the station near 62nd Street at 6:40 pm when he noticed that someone had unzipped his backpack. One of his credit cards was later used to purchase cellphones at two locations.

• A thief snaked his hand into a woman's handbag as she walked past the corner of Fifth Avenue and 69th Street on June 3, removing her wallet. The woman said she didn't realize that her bag was open until she returned home at 6 pm.

• A 29-year-old left his wallet on the counter at an 86th Street Duane Reade on June 4, but it was gone when he went to retrieve it at 11:40 am. Only an hour had passed until he returned to the store between Fourth and Fifth avenues, but by then the \$200 inside it was gone.

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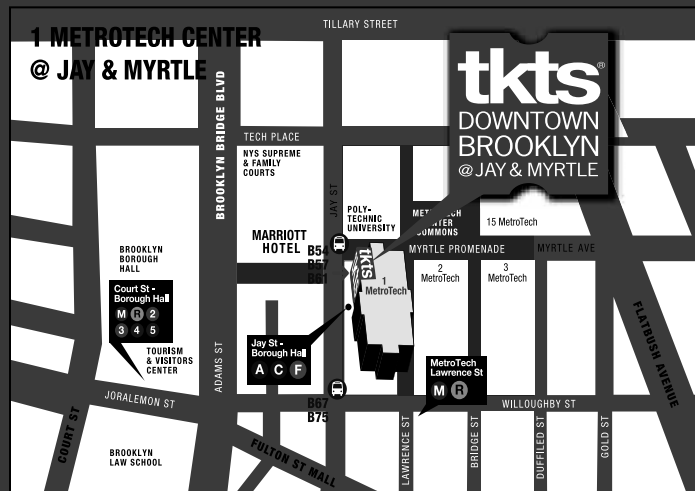
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